

Appl. No. 09/838,868  
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#### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2005, the Applicant submits this Reply. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-30 remain in this application, of which claims 1, 5, 10, 14, 19 and 23 are independent.

The specification has been amended to replace the Abstract with one that is less than 150 words. Accordingly, the application should be allowed.

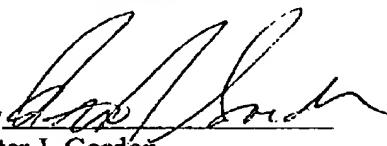
#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

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